<u>REMARKS</u>

Claims 1-8 and 12-17 were allowed by the Examiner. Claims 9-11 and 18-20 were rejected.

Although Applicants do not agree with the Examiner's rejection of independent claim 9, in order to bring this case to resolution, claim 9 has been canceled and the rejected dependent claims 10-11 and 18-20 have been amended to depend from an allowed independent claim. Thus per the Examiner, all presently pending claims should now be allowable.

Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully solicited. Please contact me if there are any issues regarding this communication or the current Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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